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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

The amendment filed January 4, 2002 proposes amendments to claims 7, 15, and 18 that do not comply with 37 CFR 1.173(b), which sets forth the manner of making amendments in reissue applications. See 37 CFR 1.121 (b) (2) (i) (C) also. In a reissue application, all amendments must be made with respect to the claims in the patent, not the last amended version of the claims of last amendment as is common in non-provisional application practice. Therefore, any subsequent amendment, to a claim must also show the insertions or deletions of the prior amendments as though they had not been previously made. For example, in preliminary amendment filed January 4, 2002, in claim 7, on line 9, two amendments were made. These amendments must also be shown by underlining and bracketing in the amendments to claim 7 filed January 4, 2002.

A supplemental paper correctly amending the reissue application is required.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a shortened statutory period for reply to this letter is set to expire **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment.

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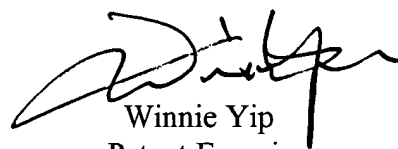
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai, can be reached on (703) 308-2486.

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